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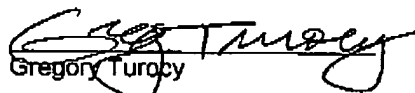
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Title: PROCEDURE TO DETERMINE SEED LAYER THICKNESS OF TRENCH  
SIDEWALLS**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 14, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 14, 2003. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the following comments. Enclosed with this paper is Rule 131 Declaration.